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COMING EVENTS

Week days	6 m FM net	52.540	6:00AM
Mon	R&S Net	449.90	8:30AM
	Breakfast		
	Wal-Mart		10:00AM
	WTRA Swap net	146.88	8 PM
Wed	Net	146.64	6:45PM
	round-table	52.525MHz	8 PM
Apr 27	Bean Feed		
	Club House		
May 3	Saturday Breakfast		
	Club House		8:00AM
May 3	Program,business meeting		9:30AM
	Club House		
May 12	2nd Mon Social Meeting		
	New China Buffet		6:00PM
May 14	1st Wed after 2nd Mon		
	Directors at Club House		7:00PM
20-22 Jun 2003	- ARRL National Convention		
Ham-Com	http://www.hamcom.org		

PRESIDENT'S CORNER
AD5LJ

I want to remind everyone that Sunday, 27 April will be our annual swap meet and bean feed at the clubhouse. The swap meet will open at 8:00 AM. The bean feed meal will start at about 11:30 AM. The meal price will be \$4.00, same as last year. We will have talk-in on the club's 146.64 repeater and the PL tone will be turned off for the event. This year we

will have a door prize to award, courtesy of ARRL.

The parking lot in front of the clubhouse is reserved for people who want to sell stuff and handicapped parking. Parking is available on the west side of Wilt Ave in the open lot. PLEASE do not block the driveways near the parking lot and do not park in the street on either Jefferson or Wilt Avenues. Also, do not block the driveway to the houses north of the clubhouse.

CLUBHOUSE PAINTING

AD5LJ

On Saturday, 12 April, five of us got together and put the second coat of paint on the clubhouse walls. All that remains to be done is to paint the exterior doors and doorframes. My Thanks to Gloria Homer (KD5UZG), Mike Homer (KC5SKF), Henry Schotzko (AD5FE) and to Jim Gunganig (N5TQW) for their help.

CLUB DUES

AD5LJ

I must remind everyone who has not paid their 2003 dues that they are now delinquent. At the current time, we have about 58 members from 2002 that have paid their 2003 dues. This means that forty or so people have not paid yet and they will shortly be getting phone calls from the board members. On 1 June, all people who have not paid will be dropped from the club membership.

BUSINESS MEETING

AD5LJ

Our next combined Saturday breakfast and business meeting will be on 3 May. Hope to see you there.

PSK-31

K5DI

Here are some things to think about. PSK-31 needs a radio, a computer with Windows 98 or better, and some small parts to make an interface unit. The computer must have a sound card installed. The software

is free and you download it from a web site with this address:

<http://www.digipan.net>

The latest and it appears last version is available for download. If you

are
interested in the technical side of PSK-31 you can install the software
and
read the help files. Maybe even print some of it. I did.

You will need an antenna for the radio and in my demonstration to
the MVRC I will have a good antenna to hook to my radio. Since my radio is
a
QRP radio I can only make 5 watts of power. But with PSK-31 I can work the
world because it works as well as Morse code.

If you and your family get on PSK-31 you can use it like the
Internet to send messages to each other. But for me it's just a fun way to
make Ham Radio Contacts.

So get the software and read the help and come to the meeting with
questions to stump me.

WALK-A-THON WK5C

The MVRC provided support to the annual MS Walk-a-thon on Saturday, 5
April,
at Young Park and area roads near it in Las Cruces. Thanks to Henry AD5FE,
Sandy and John, KJ5Q and N5WQ, Sid KD5SSA, Ron WA2UCZ, Brad KC5SKE, Joe
WZ5R, and John WK5C. 3 rest stations were manned, intersections where the
route changed directions were staffed, and Brad and his YL Jennifer
provided
bicycle mobile support that proved valuable due to the walkers being
strung
out over the length of the course. Las Cruces City FD provided EMS support
but none was needed. The fund raising efforts were successful as quite a
few
sponsors came forward. Thanks to the hams that supported this event.

BACK PAGE

The newsletter is always looking for articles and notes of interest to the
members of the Mesilla Valley Radio Club. Please send them to Alex. F.
Burr, K5XY, Editor, MVRC Local Oscillator, 695 Stone Canyon Drive, Las
Cruces, NM 88011. Small personal ads from members will also be published.
It would be helpful if submissions would be made in a machine readable
form. MSDOS disks are welcome. Files can also be sent to the Internet
address aburr@aol.com. The club maintains a web site at <http://www.zianet.com/mvrc>.

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To join the Mesilla Valley Radio Club, renew your membership, or to support the repeaters, please complete the form below and send it with dues (\$25 single, \$35 family per year) to: Treasurer, MVRC, Box 1443, Las Cruces, NM 88004.

Name:

Address:

Call:

Class of License:

Phone:

E-Mail Address:

ARRL Member? Yes? No?